

# Eccentric Correspondent Hits Florida's Gold Coast

## People Are Talking . . .

About Arts Editor Ethel Simmons who was lauded over the week end—not in the manner of a campus queen, rather as queen (in our estimation, anyway) of the airways.

Ethel made her TV debut Sunday on Jackie Crampton's "Bridal Preview" (Channel 2), coming through as program guest strong as any gal. No quavering voice or loss of words from our girl reporter as she doled out advice to bride-elect on how to get wedding stories in the paper.

About the folkiness that sometimes springs up between two towns and a restaurant. Chicago's La Strada has recently become a mecca for convention-bound Birminghamites, the linguists, however, no more important than the saving thereof—by a personable young miss whose name is Zeigler. If short memories are a menace, follow the course of insurance man Bill Roberts and Andy Seed and ask for "the Birmingham waitress." Our gal gets the message!

AND SPEAKING of Italy, about Dino, youthful hair stylist at Gerald and Chet's North, whose customers are enjoying him (by request) in English. Dino dolefully claimed last week, however, that his biggest difficulty is "telling my verbs from my preverbs."

About Florence (Mrs. Don) O'Toole of Timberlake Drive who tangled with Gabby, her white top, as they went for an icy walk along Gilbert Lake the week of our unseasonable freeze. They took a tumble which put Florence in St. Joe's with a severe compound fracture of her right leg. She's home now—visitors welcome.

About genial Gene Rawlins, manager of Bloomfield Open Hunt, who good naturedly took part—as father of the bride—in "Fashion, Fads and Fancies," Goodwill style show given at the club last week. Among those applauding the one made performer were secretary Chalmers, Mrs. Fredly Bush, Mrs. Theodore Yntema, Mrs. Robert Fisher, Mrs. Packer Avia, Mrs. Howard Maedel, Mrs. Joseph E. Doan, Mrs. Andrew Galland, Mrs. Charles Hinkeloch, Mrs. Herman Reichart.

ABOUT THE National Cathedral Association's benefit performance Tuesday night at the Fisher—"A Man For All Seasons"—when a number of junior hostesses (programs passers) will swell the number attending from this area. Group includes Sandra Leader, Becky Johnson, Susan Sheikis, Mrs. Norman Pottier, Mrs. John Baetz, Mrs. John Rockerhouse and Mrs. John Clark.

About Barbara (Mrs. Richard) Oglesby, whose lovely three-foot-long blond hair easily qualifies her for a Godiva bit, and her current search for nineteenth century costumes. They'll be worn by various members of the League of Women Voters who'll act as escorts May 26 for Suffragette '64, the League's a centennial presentation.



FRONT ROW: MRS. LARRY FREESE (FROM LEFT), MRS. ASA WILSON, JR., KELLY PERIAN, ALICE STERLING, DENISE WILSON AND PAT FREESE. BACK ROW: MRS. JOHN STERLING, ASA WILSON III AND ASA WILSON, JR.



JANE COOPER (FROM LEFT), JULIE WILLIAMS AND KRIS KNUDSEN



E. M. RUMBAUGH AND MRS. RALPH ANGLE



JANE FREESE (LEFT) AND NANCY STERLING

## Suburban Scene Reporter Gives First Hand Account

EDITOR'S NOTE — Eccentric Reporter Marti Cahn is on vacation (17) in Pompano Beach, Fla. Along with husband Chet and daughter Cindy, Marti headed south with a camera slung across her shoulder, ball point pen and copy paper in hand. Today's pictures and first-letter-home are the results. Marti writes:

### About Wigs

"Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Benicke of Bloomfield Hills will be home Thursday (today) from a vacation at Port St. Lucie Country Club—the children, Richard, Phyllis and John spent their semester break with them.

"Doris (Mrs. B.) claims a wig is a girl's best friend, even though she flipped her!"  
"It all happened at the oh-so-posh dinner party the Benickes gave at Frances Langford's Outrigger when the hostess, in true feminine manner, raised her hand to tuck in a stray lock only to find that the bulk of her coil was missing.

"Son John slipped out during the uproar — found 'mom's' headpiece resting on the floor of the car — crisis over. BUT from now on, Doris is vehemently recommending never alighting headfirst from a car.

### Flashbacks

"Mr. and Mrs. G. Ralph Angle of Birmingham motor to Port St. Lucie aulderdale with the E. M. Rumbaugh of Flint . . . saw them munching hamburgers at Patricia Murphy's . . .

"Fish were biting for Birminghamites Dee (Mrs. John) Sterling and daughter Nancy and Larry Freese and his daughter Joan at the Lauderdale-by-the-Sea Pier. Mrs. S., Nancy and another daughter Alice are vacationing with the girls' grandpapas, Mr. and Mrs. A. Grossman of Detroit at their winter residence . . . nearby is the Freese family with Skip, Pat and Joan . . . likewise, the Asa Wilson, Jr., family (Pine Hill Drive, B'ham) with Asa III, Denise, Glenn and Kelly.

"Larry Freese, Asa Wilson, Jr., Carter Salter (Grossman Pointe) and Wayne Spade (the Spades are now back in town) were a foursome recent at Tamarack Golf Course . . . managed to score 35 on one hole (UHeard of!) . . . put eight balls in the creek . . .

### At Granddad's

"Mrs. William S. Cooper with daughters Jane, Carolyn, Cathy and Lynn are houseguests of Mel T. Bingham (Mrs. C's father) at the Villa Caprice, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea . . . the day we stopped by they were entertaining Kris Knudsen, daughter of the Senon E. Knudsen of Birmingham, and Julie Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Williams.

"Julie came down with Kris and is a guest of the Knudsen aboard their boat, the Highlander . . .  
"Barbara and Bob (Mr. and Mrs. Robert) Kilpatrick . . . back home by now . . . the John Pice, the Jack Fishera and Ed and Jean Purnan club of Birmingham was in Lauderdale during their recent whirlwind descent on the glamour town . . . from where they partied, preponderance of activity seemed to gravitate around the Golden Falcons, the Bonapian and Ocean Manor . . .

## New Officers, Fresh Projects

The Junior League met Wednesday at Cranbrook Institute of Science and was presided over by Dr. Robert Hatt, director of the Institute, members voted on the following new officers:

The new president, assuming office in June, will be Mrs. Phoebe Otter Matthews; new corresponding secretary will be Mrs. James M. Chandler and second treasurer will be Mrs. Nicholas Martin, Jr. Mrs. Harvey A. Kreaige, Jr., chairman of the admissions committee, introduced the new provisional members of the League. These young women will embark on an extensive orientation year acquainting them with the national organization, Junior League interests and projects in Birmingham, city government and agencies with which the League works in the community.

They include Mrs. J. Eldon Bowman, Mrs. Beall M. Briggs, Mrs. John L. Corbin, Mrs. Roger P. Cohn, Mrs. Elizabeth Denton, Mrs. John B. Dickson, Mrs. Robert A. Dryden, Mrs. E. Gerry Dudley, Miss Elizabeth Flint, Mrs. Gerald A. Frow, Jr., Andrea Galland, Mrs. Robert Grierston, Mrs. George Kilborne, Mrs. Joseph E. Langhamer, Mrs. John P. Mackinn, Mrs. J. H. Moore, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. David P. Myers, Mrs.

George Peter Smith, Mrs. Charles L. Storm, Mrs. Stephen Stubbs, Mrs. Terrell E. Thomas, Karen Elizabeth Vanderhook, Mrs. Brian VanMols, Christine Booth Wallace, Mrs. Peter Whitelaw, Mrs. David P. Williams.

MRS. NELSON B. Nolan proposed the following new projects for the League, which were approved by the membership. The League will provide the salary of a visiting part-time physical therapist for the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children and Adults. This therapist will provide treatment for those people who are too handicapped to go to the society, and to those whose transportation would prove a problem. The League will make

the funds for the therapist available for a two-year period. Members also voted a \$800 competitive scholarship to be made available to a student at the Oakland University.

MAJOR PROJECT which was approved will place in this community a workshop for mentally retarded young people and adults. The League is working closely with the board of trustees of the workshop, to be called New Horizons of Oakland County, Inc. Mrs. Arthur C. Hahn, and her health and welfare committee, and Mrs. Sidney Smith, Jr., current president of the League, stated that full details of this far-reaching program will be released in the immediate future.

## Subteens Go Cowgirl Style

The Birmingham-area sub-teen set will whip it cowgirl style during "Western Day" April 18 at the Oakland Branch, YWCA. The six to 10-year-old girls in the Saturday program will model western outfits of their own design at 10 a.m. and join in crafts, rodeo races and games before viewing the movie, "The Ameri-

can Cowboy" after a noon lunch. Girls may bring a friend on "Guest Day," Saturday, April 25. A baseball game and two films, "Tom, Dick and Harriet" and "Once Upon a Honeymoon" will highlight festivities. Hot dogs will be the bill of fare for that day.

## Party-Goers Take Heed

The Detroit Grand Opera Association has mailed its "first night" opera party invitations for May 25. While invitations have been sent to a large list of opera committee members and volunteers, only the first 400 reservations can be accepted to this first subscription party arranged by the association during its several years' sponsorship of the Metropolitan Season in Detroit.

The supper dance will be held in the Great Hall and Rivera Court of the Detroit Institute of Arts, immediately following the opening night performance of La Boheme. A connecting gallery hung with French paintings will also be used. Formally attired guests may leave their cars on Woodward and walk under a long canopy to the entrance of the Museum, where a red carpet will add to the air of elegance. (New construction has temporarily closed off the front circular drive.)

Among those attending from this area will be Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Shins (she's a vice chairman), Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Max Fisher, the G. John Grahams, the Henry C. Johnsons, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Knudsen, the Harry L. Winstons, the Ray Perrings and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Townsend.

Back Home  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Halsted of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, have returned from vacationing in Delray Beach, Fla.

## BAC to Celebrate

Even though there may be snow on the ground or rain on the roof, the arrival of spring will be celebrated by members of Birmingham Athletic Club and their guests Saturday, April 25, at Oakland Hills Country Club. This neighbor club on the east continues to make its facilities available pending completion of BAC's expansion plans.

Chairmen of the party are Mr. and Mrs. John S. Wells, Jr., of Bloomfield Hills and the Marshall Potters of Birmingham.

SERVING AS HOSTS during the evening will be Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Webster Bullitt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wandell, the Thomas J. Brennens, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. James Noddle, the Robert Burtons and BAC president and Mrs. William H. Lockie. Among those who've already made reservations are Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Byrnes, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hutchins, Jr., the Leon Harts, the Harry Stavka, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bookmeyer, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Margulis, Mr. and Mrs. Atwell J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Peter G. Finn and the Robert A. Greens.

wishing to stop at the BAC for cocktails preceding dinner and dancing—to the music of Dave Parry—at Oakland. There'll also be numerous cocktail parties given at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Jesse, the William P. Gillespies and the Robert J. Hamils fall into this group.

The club will have a welcoming committee for couples